victory were fitted together in the expectation that they would signify peace; and when the pattern was completed, and all who abhorred war were ready to rejoice, still it signified victory.

Among -pacifists, there was much heart-searching, productive, as heart-searching usually is, of debates, lectures, loud-speaker vans, processions, books, letters to newspaper editors, symposiums, banners, and protracted fireside talk, as well as, surprisingly, some heroic machine-gun units; 'the pacifists from the English universities make excellent machine-gunners/ a *Manchester Guardian* special correspondent reported from Spain. Belief in the desirability of disarmament did not expire with the Disarmament Conference; nor was hope in the League utterly dashed by its failure to prevent Japan's conquest of Manchuria and Italy's of Abyssinia. A cripple in a wheeled chair usually to be found outside meetings with a Leftwards tendency, shrilly declaiming: 'Penny *No More War!* Penny *No More War!*[9] continued to put in an appearance and to declaim. The League of Nations Union went on increasing its membership, later impressing politicians by organising a Peace Ballot in which eleven millions voted that they were opposed to war[n] and in favour of collective security. In the same way, they might have voted that they were opposed to misery and want, opposed to death

[11] *You Shall Decide Peace or War', a poster used by the organisers of the Ballot announced. The questions put "were: (i) Should Great Britain remain a member of the League of Nations ? (2) Are you in favour of an all-round reduction of armaments by international agreements ? (3) Are you in favour of an all-round abolition of national, military and naval

aircraft by international agreement ? (4) Should the manufacture and sale of armaments for private profit be prohibited by international agreement? (5) Do you consider that if a nation insists on attacking another, the other nations should compel it to stop by *(a)* economic and non-military measures, *(b)* if necessary, military measures ? To all except 56 (the only question which might involve personal obligations and risks), the answers given were overwhelmingly affirmative. In the case of 5^, there were 6,784,368 'yes* votes, 2,351,981 *no* votes, and 2,432,816 abstentions and doubtful answers. "What proportion of the *yes[J] voters were male, and of them, what proportion, were of military age and prepared to undertake military service, was not stated.